



## Mid-County Citizens Advisory Board (MCCAB)

Mid-County Community Recreation Center, 2004 Queensguard Road, Silver Spring, MD

<b>Call to Order:</b>	Louis Mozzano, Chair		<b>Respectfully Submitted by:</b> Donald Mewha, Acting Secretary			
<b>Date/Time:</b>	January 15, 2019; 7:00 PM ET					
<b>Attendees:</b>	X	Adjogah, Mensah (Vice Chair)	X	Susanna Parker	X	Shoenberg, Robert (Parliamentarian)
		Lynda Brooks	X	Adam Lustig	X	Solomon, Jobe
		Franks, Ron	X	Crystal Myers	X	Tankersley, Judy
	X	Gelman, Michael	X	Peter Wilson	X	Wright, Ursula
	X	Mozzano, Louis (Chair)	X	Don Mewha		Partap Verma
<b>Staff:</b>	Luisa Montero, Director, Mid-County Regional Services Center Kevin Jackson, Administrative Aide, Mid County Regional Service Center					
<b>Guests:</b>	Lt. Gerald McFarland – District 4 John Doherty, Representative for Del Al Carr Douglas Weisburger, Green Business Certification Program Manager, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)					

**Call to Order:** 7:05 PM by Louis Mozzano, Chair

**Introductions** – Members and guests introduced themselves.

**Agenda/Minutes** – A quorum was present when the meeting was called to order.

**Community Concerns:** No concerns raised.

**Police Update:** Lieutenant Gerry McFarland provided an update on crime incidents and trends.

- There was a robbery at the Glenmont 7-11. An arrest was made when the suspect returned to the store at a later date.
- There was an arrest made in the armed robbery on Hewitt Avenue.
- An armed robbery occurred during a dirt bike purchase by the NW Golf Course on Layhill. Shots fired.
- Discussed safe exchange zone – The sites have been confirmed, just waiting on signage
- El Ratero – unlicensed taxi company operating in the area. Several taxis are being robbed in the Pear Tree Ct. / Weeping Willow ct. area. Suspects have been arrested
- Crime suppression detail has been dispatched to the area
- Pedestrian issues – 93 Ped accidents in 2018. 16 in December.
  - Started Shop with a Cop, officers go to shopping centers and educate the public about pedestrian/driver safety laws (35 hours, 500 bags)
  - Still focused on Georgia Ave Corridor for pedestrian/traffic (135 hours in December), 400 traffic stops.
  - 250 stops on pedestrians.
- Don Pollo restaurant (Glenmont) was broken into. Suspect caught trying to cash a stolen check.



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- Question on Gang Unit
  - There are an investigative task force and a major offenders task force
- Question on follow up on prior incidents
  - MYMCP News for press releases
  - Crimreports.com is a good resource as well
  - Other than that, no, but an app is in development.

### **Council Report** – No Report

### **Guest Presentation** – Douglas Weisburger, Green Business Certification Program Manager, Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

- Climate emergency mobilization resolution
  - Looking to achieve 80% greenhouse gas reduction by 2027
  - Looking to achieve 100% reduction by 2035.
- A voluntary recognition program for businesses who exceed requirements in MontCo.
  - Numerous standards, depending on the sort of business standards involved (including non-profits)
  - Virtually all businesses can now be certified in Montgomery County
    - Standards are about day to day operations.
    - Over 100 actions available
- Perks and benefits
  - Listed in Directory
  - Use of logo and branded materials
  - Promotional opportunities
  - Listed in county's vendor database as Green Business Designation
  - Gift Greener promotion – encouraging people to gift in a greener way
- GreenFest will be the last Sunday in April at Brookside Garden
- Questions on potential benefits for businesses
  - Tax Credit?
  - Procurement Benefits?
  - What are costs of running the program?
    - \$20k per year
- Is there recertification?
  - Yes. Every 3 years. Some others are 2 years.
- Question on geographic spread of the companies
  - Most are in Rockville. Wheaton only has 2. Fair number is Silver Spring and Bethesda
- Where does county govt. stack up on this certification?
  - It's a goal, and a few facilities match the criteria, but it is an ongoing goal and journey that has not yet been achieved, and it has not been adopted county-wide. County has started a Work Green Initiative to start.

### **Directors Report** – Luisa Montero, Regional Director (See attached written report)

- Small Business Assistance Program – may need to review cap on dollar amount provided
- Summarized WUDAC meeting and redevelopment/revitalization



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- Covered issues with landlord issues abusing / predatory leases.
- County looking to upgrade public safety communication in the county.
  - Need to close gaps in radio coverage in the county.
  - Need to build 6 towers in order to create coverage
    - Performing balloon tests to review visibility
- Summarized upcoming budget meeting
- Reviewed a high level summary of FLEX (on demand bus service)

**Committee Reports** – No report due to cancelled committee meetings

**Liaison Reports** – No report

### **Old Business**

- Summarized Secretary rotation
- Call for nominees for Land Use and Transportation Committee Chair
  - Consensus was to be to have one chair overseeing the committees as a point person for the time being
- Spend time at next committee meeting discussing traffic light being placed between Georgia Avenue and Bel Pre
- Brief discussion on master plan for Georgia Ave corridor/Veirs Mill corridor.

### **New Business**

- County Executive's Operating Budget Forum
  - Potential Questions
    - Keep affordable housing that we have VS new acquisitions
    - Workforce development/economic development (contracts)
    - Glenmont shopping center
- Agenda for next meeting will include:
  - Overview of County Operating Budget Process
  - Preparation for Letter of Advice to County Executive/Council on the FY 2020 Budget

Meeting was adjourned at 8:50 PM